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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. Address of Plaintiff: 1825 Watkins Street, Apt C-10, Bethehem Address of Defendant: 455 man land Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: 45 Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a)) Yes□ Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? Yes□ RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Case Number: _ Date Terminated: Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? No 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes□ Note 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? Yes□ CIVIL: (Place / in ONE CATEGORY ONLY) A. Federal Question Cases: B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: 1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts 1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts 2. D FELA 2.

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I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DAWN STOTT
1825 Watkins Street
Apartment C-10
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Plaintiff,

v.

GATE 1, LTD.
455 Maryland Drive
Fort Washington, PA 19034

Defendant

Defendant

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

I. Parties and Reasons for Jurisdiction.

- 1. Plaintiff, DAWN STOTT (hereinafter "Plaintiff") is an adult individual residing at the above address.
- 2. Defendant, GATE 1, LTD. ("Defendant") is a business corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 3. At all times material hereto, Defendant qualified as Plaintiff's employer under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act ("PHRA").
- 4. Plaintiff exhausted her administrative remedies pursuant to the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. (See Exhibit A, a true and correct copy of a dismissal and notice of rights issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.)

- 5. This action is instituted pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and applicable federal and state law.
 - 6. Jurisdiction is conferred by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343.
- 7. Supplemental jurisdiction over the Plaintiff's state law claims is conferred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and (b)(2), venue is properly laid in this district because Defendant conducts business in this district, and because a substantial part of the acts and/or omissions giving rise to the claims set forth herein occurred in this judicial district. Plaintiff was working for Defendant in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania at the time of the illegal actions by Defendant as set forth herein.

II. Operative Facts.

- 9. On or about April 8, 2013, Defendant hired Plaintiff as a reservation sales agent.
- 10. Beginning in or around April of 2015, Plaintiff began to experience swelling in her limbs that resulted in Emergency Room visits.
- 11. On April 10, 2015, Plaintiff attended an appointment with Dr. Timothy Craig in Hershey, Pennsylvania and Plaintiff was diagnosed with hereditary angioedema type 3.
- 12. In January, 2016, Plaintiff was approved for intermittent FMLA leave to allow her treatments and medications to manage her condition.
- 13. Plaintiff's anticipated date to return to her normal work schedule was November 15, 2016.

- 14. On or about November 10, 2016, Plaintiff was contacted by Defendant's Human Resources Representative, Rebecca, who told Plaintiff that she needed to return to work at her full schedule on November 15, 2016, or she would be terminated.
- 15. Plaintiff explained that she did not know if she would be cleared to return to her full schedule on that date, as she had a doctor's appointment on November 14, 2016 at which she was to discuss the possibility of extending the FMLA leave.
- 16. Rebecca then stated if she could not guarantee her return on November 15, 2016, then her employment was terminated, however she could apply for positions when her health stabilized.
- 17. After she was cleared to return to work, Plaintiff did as she was instructed by Defendants and began to reapply for open positions with Defendant for which she was qualified.
 - 18. Plaintiff was not offered any of the positions with Defendant she applied for.
- 19. During the course of her employment with Defendant, Plantiff never had any complaints or issues with her work, and indeed was sent on four (4) international tours organized by Defendant, a benefit only afforded to employees who are doing well.
- 20. Defendant failed to accommodate Plaintiff in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 21. Defendant failed to engage in a meaningful back and forth discussion about Plaintiff's accommodation.
 - 22. Defendant failed to re-hire Plaintiff after her FMLA leave.
 - 23. Due to this discriminatory treatment, Plaintiff was terminated.
- 24. Defendant's motivation for terminating Plaintiff was the fact that she required an accommodation for her disability.

- 25. Defendant retaliated against Plaintiff for executing her right to leave under the FMLA.
 - 26. At all times material, Defendant was hostile to Plaintiff's disability.
- 27. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct in terminating Plaintiff, Plaintiff sustained great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, as well emotional distress, humiliation, pain and suffering and other damages as set forth below.

III. Causes of Action.

COUNT I – TITLE I CLAIM--AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (42 U.S.C.A. § 12101 et seq)

- 28. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-27 as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 29. At all times material hereto, and pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq., an employer may not discriminate against an employee based on a disability.
- 30. Plaintiff is a qualified employee and person within the definition of Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq,.
- 31. Defendant is an "employer" and thereby subject to the strictures of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq,.
- 32. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff had a qualified disability, as described above.
- 33. Defendant's conduct in terminating Plaintiff is an adverse action, was taken as a result of her disability and constitutes a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq..

- 34. As stated above, Defendant failed to engage in a meaningful back and forth discussion of Plaintiff's disability and failed to reasonably accommodate her disability.
- 35. As a proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff sustained significant damages, including but not limited to: great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, loss of front pay, loss of back pay, as well as emotional distress, mental anguish, humiliation, pain and suffering, consequential damages and Plaintiff has also sustained work loss, loss of opportunity, and a permanent diminution of her earning power and capacity and a claim is made therefore.
- 36. As a result of the conduct of Defendant's owners/management, Plaintiff hereby demands punitive damages.
- 37. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq Plaintiff demands attorneys fees and court costs.

COUNT II – VIOLATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT (43 P.S. § 955)

- 38. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-37 as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 39. At all times material hereto, and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq., an employer may not discriminate against an employee based on a disability.
- 40. Plaintiff is a qualified employee and person within the definition of Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq..
- 41. Defendant is an "employer" and thereby subject to the strictures of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq,.
- 42. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff had a qualified disability, as described above. Plaintiff's disability profoundly interfered with her day to day life activities.

- 43. Defendant's conduct in terminating Plaintiff is an adverse action, was taken as a result of her disability and constitutes a violation of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq..
 - 44. Defendant failed to accommodate Plaintiff's disability.
- 45. As a proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff sustained significant damages, including but not limited to: great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, loss of front pay, loss of back pay, loss of tips as well as personal injury, emotional distress, mental anguish, humiliation, pain and suffering, consequential damages and Plaintiff has also sustained work loss, loss of opportunity, and a permanent diminution of her earning power and capacity and a claim is made therefore.
- 46. As a result of the conduct of Defendants' owners/management, Plaintiff hereby demands punitive damages.
- 47. Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq., Plaintiff demands attorneys fees and court costs.

COUNT III – VIOLATION OF FMLA—FAILURE TO REINSTATE (29 U.S.C. §2601 et seq.)

- 48. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-47 as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 49. As set forth above, Plaintiff was entitled to medical leave pursuant to the FMLA, 29 U.S.C. §2601, et seq..
- 50. Instead of reinstating Plaintiff to her former position upon her completion of FMLA leave, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment.
- 51. Defendant failed to reinstate Plaintiff to employment in violation of the provisions of FMLA.

- 52. As a proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff sustained significant damages, including but not limited to: great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, loss of front pay, loss of back pay, as well as emotional distress, mental anguish, humiliation, pain and suffering, consequential damages and Plaintiff has also sustained work loss, loss of opportunity, and a permanent diminution of her earning power and capacity and a claim is made therefore.
- 53. As a result of the conduct of Defendant's owners/management, Plaintiff hereby demands punitive and/or liquidated damages.
- 54. Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §2601, et seq Plaintiff demands attorneys fees and court costs.

COUNT V – VIOLATION OF FMLA—RETALIATION (29 U.S.C. §2601 et seq.)

- 55. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-54 as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 56. As set forth above, Plaintiff was entitled to medical leave pursuant to the FMLA, 29 U.S.C. §2601, et seq.
- 57. Instead of reinstating Plaintiff to her former position upon her completion of FMLA leave, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment, an adverse action.
- 58. Defendant's motivation in terminating Plaintiff's employment was based, in part, upon her application for FMLA leave.
- 59. Defendant failed to rehire Plaintiff following her FMLA leave in retaliation for exercising her FMLA rights.
- 60. As a proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff sustained significant damages, including but not limited to: great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, loss of front pay, loss of back pay, as well as emotional

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61. As a result of the conduct of Defendant's owners/management, Plaintiff hereby

demands punitive and/or liquidated damages.

62. Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §2601, et seq

Plaintiff demands attorneys fees and court costs.

IV. Relief Requested.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, DAWN STOTT, demands judgment in her favor and against

Defendant, Gate 1, LTD. in an amount in excess of \$150,000.00 together with:

A. Compensatory damages, including but not limited to: back pay, front pay, past lost

wages, future lost wages. Lost pay increases, lost pay incentives, lost opportunity, lost

benefits, lost future earning capacity, injury to reputation, mental and emotional

distress, pain and suffering

B. Punitive damages;

C. Attorneys fees and costs of suit;

D. Interest, delay damages; and,

E. Any other further relief this Court deems just proper and equitable.

LAW OFFICES OF ERIC A. SHORE, P.C.

BY:

GRAHAM F. BAIRD, ESQUIRE

Two Penn Center

1500 JFK Boulevard, Suite 1240

Philadelphia, PA 19110

Attorney for Plaintiff, Dawn Stott

Date: 5 24 18

EXH. A

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Enclosures(s)

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U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

DISMISSAL AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS To: From: Philadelphia District Office **Dawn Stott** 801 Market Street 1825 Watkins Street, Apt. C10 Suite 1300 Bethlehem, PA 18017 Philadelphia, PA 19107 On behalf of person(s) aggrieved whose identity is CONFIDENTIAL (29 CFR §1601.7(a)) EEOC Charge No. **EEOC** Representative Telephone No. Legal Unit, 530-2017-03428 Legal Technician THE EEOC IS CLOSING ITS FILE ON THIS CHARGE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON: (215) 440-2828 The facts alleged in the charge fail to state a claim under any of the statutes enforced by the EEOC. Your allegations did not involve a disability as defined by the Americans With Disabilities Act. The Respondent employs less than the required number of employees or is not otherwise covered by the statutes. Your charge was not timely filed with EEOC; in other words, you waited too long after the date(s) of the alleged The EEOC issues the following determination: Based upon its investigation, the EEOC is unable to conclude that the Х information obtained establishes violations of the statutes. This does not certify that the respondent is in compliance with the statutes. No finding is made as to any other issues that might be construed as having been raised by this charge. The EEOC has adopted the findings of the state or local fair employment practices agency that investigated this charge. Other (briefly state) - NOTICE OF SUIT RIGHTS -(See the additional information attached to this form.) Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act: This will be the only notice of dismissal and of your right to sue that we will send you. You may file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) under federal law based on this charge in federal or state court. Your lawsuit must be filed WITHIN 90 DAYS of your receipt of this notice; or your right to sue based on this charge will be lost. (The time limit for filing suit based on a claim under state law may be different.) Equal Pay Act (EPA): EPA suits must be filed in federal or state court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment. This means that backpay due for any violations that occurred more than 2 years (3 years) behalf of the Commission

Jamie R. Williamson,

(Date Mailed)

District Director GATE 1 TRAVEL Melissa Picariello, Human Resources Director Graham Baird, Attorney at Law (for Charging Party)